

## PRE-WAR COSTS OVER DOUBLED

Cost of Living Survey By National Board Reveals Some Interesting Figures

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Reports of a survey of the cost of living contrasted with living costs of pre-war times made public last night by the National Industrial Conference board, show that the increase in the six-year period ending July 1 has been 194.5 per cent. The summary shows an increase of 19 per cent in the last year and 2 per cent from March to July, 1920.

The survey shows that food increased 119 per cent in the six-year period; shelter 38 per cent; clothing 146 per cent; fuel, heat and light 66 per cent; and sundries 85 per cent.

These percentages were derived from figures obtained from retail dealers in larger cities.

Sugar climbed 382 per cent; potatoes 258 per cent; flour 144 per cent; corn meal 133 per cent; rice 114 per cent; bread 112 per cent; ham 112 per cent; lamb 109 per cent; hens 97 per cent; and pork chops 101 per cent. Detroit showed an increase in food prices of 128 per cent, the highest of the 29 cities in which figures were collected, while Los Angeles was lowest with 35 per cent.

Figures supplied by 361 real estate boards and civic organizations in virtually all cities of more than 50,000 gave a rent increase percentage of 58. Eighty-six cities, including New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit and Los Angeles, showed increases of more than 50 per cent. Boston, St. Louis, San Francisco and a number of other smaller cities showed less than 50 per cent and in some the increase ran as low as ten per cent.

Car fares increased in 120 cities and remained unchanged in 35. Hard coal prices increased 81.4 to 85.5 per cent; soft coal 102.1 per cent and gas and electricity for domestic use, 15 per cent.

## PRISONERS AT OMAHA SAW WAY TO FREEDOM

OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 12.—Two prisoners escaped from the Douglas county jail last night by sawing the bars from an outside window and climbing down some scaffolding used by workmen in repairing damage done during the riot of last September 29. The escaped prisoners were Russell Bailey, south side, Omaha, and Frank Bailey of Thurston, Neb. Both were being held on charges of burglary.

"Dr." H. S. Kent, a prisoner held in connection with the finding of twin babies in a cleft here in July, discovered the escape and reported it to the jailer.

## U. S. TURNS TO MEXICO FOR OIL

Immense Resources of South Shown By Report of Federal Department

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Mexico promises to become the oil reservoir of the western hemisphere, the department of commerce declared Sunday in a review of the petroleum industry in that country. With increased consumption in the United States likely to exhaust producing fields here within twenty or twenty-five years, Mexico, the statement said, "offers the most encouragement to the American oil industry, both for present production and geographical situation."

Exhaustion of forty per cent of the producing fields of the United States, the department's review stated, has caused Mexico to take second place in oil production although only about twelve per cent of the potential capacity of Mexican wells is being produced.

Oil exports from Mexico during the first six months of 1920 totaled 66,000,000 barrels, an increase of 22 per cent over 1919. At this rate total exports for the year are expected to reach 135,000,000 barrels.

The review states that of the 231,250 square miles of Mexican territory believed to contain oil deposits, not more than 800 square miles are being exploited. Curtailment of production is ascribed to lack of transportation and storage facilities and to the unsettled political conditions.

Of the 135,000,000 estimated to be in the Mexican oil industry, about 70 per cent represents American capital, the review says. About 27 per cent is British and Dutch capital and 3 per cent Mexican and other interests. Twenty-seven companies are producing oil in Mexico, seventeen of which are American owned, five Spanish-Mexican, three Dutch and two British.

The United States received 71 per cent of the oil exported during the first six months of 1920.

## CHINATOWN SIGHTSEERS SEE EXCITING DRUG RAID

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—Throngs of sightseers to "Chinatown" were provided thrills unexpected last night when police raided an alleged opium den in Deyers street, chopping away doors to gain entrance and pursuing inmates across roofs.

A trayfull of opium and pipes was thrown into the street from a window, showering the crowd of onlookers. After detectives had battered down the doors and seized a quantity of drugs and smoking paraphernalia, they arrested three Chinese.

## RIVER GIVES UP BODY OF WOMAN

Body of Heiress Recovered By Party on Potomac; Husband Is Held

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Loosened from the bed of the Potomac after a fleet of tugs had churned up the waters, the body of Mrs. Gertrude Viger Kuehling, heiress to a part of a billion dollar estate in Detroit, was found Sunday but her husband, Roy Kuehling, still was held pending the result of the inquest.

On the body there were no marks indicating that death had been caused by any other means than drowning. Kuehling was arrested Thursday after he had reported that his wife was drowned while they were canoeing Wednesday night.

The canoe, capsized in relatively shallow water, according to Kuehling's story, but he was unable to save his wife. The police developed a case in which Kuehling and his wife, whom he had married after she was divorced from George Osgood of Detroit, were made to appear to have frequently quarreled and to this was added the declaration of an attorney that he had been instructed by Mrs. Kuehling to begin a suit for divorce charging cruelty.

Mrs. Kuehling's former husband, who is a Detroit real estate dealer, came to Washington last week to assist in the search for the body and as he told the police, to aid in clearing up the case.

## YARDMEN'S STRIKE NOT CALLED OFF, ASSERTS GRUNAU

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—John Grunau, president of the Chicago Yardmen's association, one of the unions which called the switchmen's strike April 1, today denied widely circulated reports that the strike had been called off. Strikers in other centers refused to even take a vote on ending the strike, Mr. Grunau said, while the men in the Chicago district voted 21,974 to 21,304 to remain out.

Mr. Grunau's figures are disputed by T. J. Meisenheimer, head of the yardmen in the Kansas City district, who is here. He said the Chicago majority in favor of remaining on strike was 1,984, but declined to say on what information he based his figures.

## HEART OF FUND SCANDAL IS OUT

G. O. P. Freed of Everything Except Violation of Good Taste

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CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—The senatorial committee will hold other hearings later on. But everybody here believes that the heart of whatever is in this Republican campaign fund scandal is now out. Your correspondent has been at the hearings every day this week and has scanned or read closely all the testimony of proceeding days. Based on this, together with knowledge of the feelings of the officials and newspaper men who have participated in the hearings, anyone who approaches it free of partisan interest must conclude that the Republicans are exculpated wholly from Cox's charges in the language in which Cox made them. And are practically exculpated from everything except what is hardly more serious than a violation of taste.

### ACTS OF VIRTUE

The truth is, Will Hays, and whatever other Republican officials were responsible, are being penalized for what is essentially on their part an act of virtue, or at the least an act of prudence. The system of both parties in every presidential campaign up to the present has been for the national chairman, or some other party leader to go to rich men, with his hat in his hand, and ask these men to contribute large sums—fifty thousand dollars, or a hundred thousand dollars or even more. That system was bad, that old system was subject to charges such as Cox made of letting rich men buy an underhold on the government.

That relation was tainted with the atmosphere of obligation on the part of the chairman and expectation of reward on the part of the contributor. That relation was close to fitting the word "sinister." Both parties have always recognized these obligations to big contributors. Wilson himself recognized them and paid them off with ambassadorships. That, I say, was the old system. This year Will Hays either virtuously came to the conclusions that the system was bad, or prudently decided that public opinion had become critical of this method of financing campaigns. Everybody knows perfectly well that the Republican campaign this year could have been financed with as many millions as they wanted by this system. Everybody knows that Will Hays could have gone along the business streets of New York and Fred Upham along the business streets of Chicago, and in those two cities alone could have raised enough money to run the campaign.

### EASY TO GET COIN

They could have raised it from fifty or a hundred men, and the very smallness of the individual contribution, would have constituted just such a sinister situation as Cox alleged about this wholly different situation, to get away from this old system. Will Hays planned an organization for raising his campaign fund through tens of thousands of small contributions, without allowing any one man to contribute more than a thousand dollars. There can be no doubt whatever that this system is vastly more desirable and is designed to prevent exactly what Cox charged. The getting of an underhold on the government by any small group even in effect. Will Hays did the only thing that has justified all the commotion that Cox started. He put in charge of it one of these professional "drive" managers, a man who had experience in raising money this way for the Y. M. C. A., for the community camp, for the Roosevelt memorial and other causes. It was in the methods of this that the only things were done that are questionable and it is doubtful whether even they are questionable in any respect except taste.

### COLLECTING JARGON

In writing the literature for the drive and in letters to his assistants throughout the country, he introduced a professional money collecting jargon that included those phrases which are now practically the only things the Democrats have to fall back on to justify their jibes at the Republicans. It was he who kept boosting the figures for quotas he knew there was no expectation of getting, and had to be overruled. It was he who said: "Boys, get the money," and told the local collectors to have "an inspirational address" delivered at the luncheons tendered to the prospective victims. There was a faked uplift turn to it which was very offensive to persons of any taste. But it was exactly the same sort of thing which these collectors had learned and practiced in other drives. The rabid politicians spoke of these collectors as "Fred Upham's Psalm singers." The only risk the Republicans run, and it is some risk, is that the public will now visit upon the Republican party the accumulated resentment against six or seven years of harassment from "drives" and professional "drive" managers. The public has become tired of this mixture of sanctimony and salesmanship. It injured irreparably the interchurch world movement, a movement which, if its animation had been more exclusively spiritual, might have had results beneficial almost beyond the imagination, but it fell too much into the hands of these drive managers who measured results by the same standard as a traveling salesman. Of course, in a way the Republicans are saved by this same familiarity of the public with drives. It enables the public to understand pretty clearly just what has happened in this case, and to distinguish between what has happened and what Cox charged had happened.

### MANY COUNTER-ATTACKS

I can't see that the Democrats have got anything out of this episode whatever. There was constant whipsawing back and forth between the Republican members of the investigating committee and the Democratic members and whenever the Democrats seemed to have unearthed something that looked bad for the Republicans, the Republican senators were able to counter with something that looked just as bad for the Democrats. In fact, the Democratic national committee had devised

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## SPANISH FARMERS ARE EVICTED FROM DUKE'S HOLDINGS

GRENADE, Spain, Sept. 12.—Six thousand farmers assembled here today to support the tenants of the Duke of Wellington in their protest against the action of the duke's steward in ejecting them from the farms that their families had worked for a century.

A resolution was adopted informing the duke that the action of his steward meant ruin to the inhabitants of twenty villages and hamlets.

## NEGRO TAKEN FROM JAIL; SHOT BY MISSISSIPPI MOB

MERIDIAN, Miss., Sept. 12.—Will Echels, negro, recently convicted of the murder of Henry W. Davis, an aged night watchman at a lumber yard, was taken from jail at Quitman Sunday by a small party of men, carried two miles into the country, and shot to death. Echels was sentenced to be hanged last Friday but his execution was stayed by an appeal to the Mississippi supreme court.

## University of Utah To Open September 27

SALT LAKE, Sept. 12.—The people of the state are determined to maintain the educational supremacy of this state. Never before has there been such an interest manifested in higher education—there is a new realization among the people of our state of the power of trained intelligence. This statement was made by President John A. Widtne, of the University of Utah, in speaking of the preparation being made at the state institution for the opening, September 27.

New departments of microscopic anatomy, commercial engineering and nursing have been organized at the university; in addition, there will be new courses offered in practically every department. The faculty has been increased by ten and detailed plans have been made for an unusually heavy registration.

Term divisions for the year have been announced as follows: Autumn quarter, September 27-December 15; Winter quarter, January 3-March 11; Spring quarter, March 21-June 1; Summer quarter, June 8-August 27. As a new feature there will be graduation at the end of every quarter. Football will be the first activity engaged in after the opening of school. Utah will meet at least four states. The U. O. T. C. stables are being constructed, securing mounted work for U. O. T. C. students.

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